

Dear Parents,

Gosh! It's hard to believe we are in the final couple of days of the Autumn term. Where did the time go?

We've had so many things to enjoy in the final days of term – the Christmas performances were brilliant! The children all performed with confidence, and it was delightful to see both their enjoyment and pride in their performances. Well done to all the children!

....and a huge thank-you to all the staff who I know worked hard to put the performances together—rehearsing and prop-making.

It was also great to see so many parents at our recent Parents Do Day—supporting and working with your children in class. We hope you enjoyed the time in school.

As I write this, we are currently in the middle of our Christmas lunches. Thank-you to ABM and our catering team, who work hard throughout the year—I know the Christmas lunch is a busy time for them, and they always serve the children with a warm, friendly smile.

On our final day in school on Wednesday, we will hold our Christingle assembly. This is usually a poignant and calming way to end the term.

Finally, I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas together, and we all look forward to seeing you again in 2024. On behalf of all the staff at Priory Junior School, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keefe

### Year 5 VR Space Event

Ooh! Aah! There was much excitement in Year 5 as they journeyed to space—without even leaving the comfort of Priory Junior School. We were thrilled to be able to bring this experience to the Year 5 children—as part of their learning about Space.



### Progress Reports

On Wednesday afternoon, you will receive your child's Autumn term progress report. This is a snapshot of your child's attendance this term, how hard they are working on their learning in class and how they are achieving.

If you have any questions about the reports, please contact your child's class teacher in January to discuss.

### Diary Dates

Christmas Lunch	18th / 19th December
Christingle	20th December
Christmas Holiday	21st December—
Spring Term Starts	<b>Monday, 8th January</b>

### Staffing

As we reach the end of this term, we are saying farewell to Mrs Prentis, who has decided to spend more time with her young family. We wish her the very best.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Smith, one of our teaching assistants, midday supervisor and play worker at The BASE, who has been unwell this half-term, and will be leaving us for new ventures. We wish her the very best.

We have also welcomed Miss Smith—who has joined our midday supervisor team.

### Year 4 Futsal Tournament

Last week, we went with Mr Brolia and Mrs Pledger to a Futsal tournament. Futsal is basically football but played indoors and with only six players on a team.

We played four games—with three group games. We made some amazing saves and played really well. We finished third in our group. Our last game was a 4-0 win, with Lily scoring two incredible goals.

We finished fifth overall and had a great day.

Year 4 Futsal Team



### Our Christmas Performances



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## December 2023



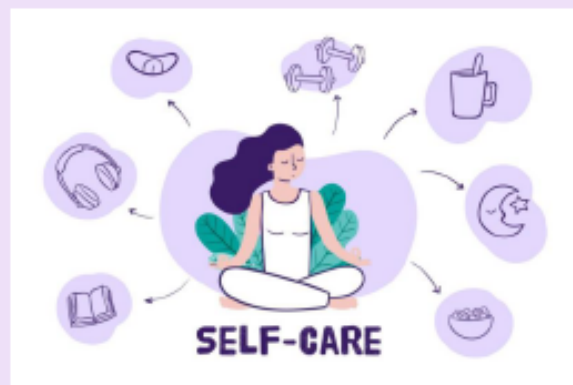
### A Message From Me

This will be our last newsletter before 2024! With Christmas approaching fast, I hope you enjoy some quality time with family and friends. The Christmas break isn't the most restful for some but for me it's the most fun! Please get in touch if you would like some support:

<https://forms.office.com/e/h963vSwVc7>

### Parenting Top Tip

Christmas can be a challenging time for families. Before dealing with the parenting difficulties that come along, don't forget to check in with how you are feeling yourself. If you are not feeling great, you will not be able to deliver your best in the way you respond to your children. Plan in time for self-care. This will not only benefit you but your whole family too.



### Activity Idea

Here is a brilliant idea for a Christmas decoration that would look great on any Christmas tree!



#### Equipment needed –

- A pack of assorted stripy/coloured straws
- Decorations
- Glue

- 1 - Using scissors, cut a length of straw to create the bottom layer of the tree.
- 2 - Choose another colour and cut different lengths going up the tree, shortening them each time.
- 3 Use 2 straws to create the trunk or a lolly stick. Stick the different lengths of straws onto the trunk using glue starting from the bottom.
- 4 -At the top, stick a star to finish the effect!
- 5 -Use some string to create a loop to hang on the tree.

### Some signposting

**Samaritans** – Throughout the festive period, there can be feelings of isolation, loneliness, or sadness. If you would like support with these feelings, please contact the Samaritans on this information. Click this link - [Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

**Foodbank** – Christmas can be a tough time financially for families. If you feel like you require a Foodbank voucher, contact the EIFA team (use contact information below) as well as Citizen's Advice, doctors, social workers, health visitors and other agencies to gain access to support.

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint ([www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk)) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer)



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# Christmas Holidays 2023

Our holiday clubs are free-flow, self-led, play environments. Children can play, create and explore lots of play spaces. Our play workers are there to facilitate their play. As well as all of the indoor and outdoor activities set up each day, we have specific activities run by the staff each day as seen on this programme. We try to incorporate different types of activities for all personalities and to keep the children busy. Key:

- ♥ Active play
- 🍷 Creative play
- 🎨 Themed activity
- 🍴 Kitchen creations

**21st December**  
 🍷 Lollystick Christmas trees  
 🍷 Santa hat cakes  
 ♥ Group games  
 ♥ Trip to the Park

**22nd December**  
 🍷 Pipe cleaner candy canes  
 🍷 Handprint wreaths  
 🍷 Reindeer donuts

**2nd January**  
 🍷 New year calender  
 ♥ Treasure hunt  
 🍷 Jelly creations  
 🍷 Lava lamps

**3rd January**  
 🍷 Firework pictures  
 🍷 Junk Modelling  
 ♥ Table tennis competition  
 ♥ Hide & seek

Christmas Pizza Party  
 afternoon on  
 22nd December  
 at the settings

To book go to:  
[Kidsrus.magicbooking.co.uk](http://Kidsrus.magicbooking.co.uk)



## December 2023 Goal Keeping Camp By 4 Corner Coaching



**Handling**

**Footwork**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December Only** Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Only** Venue: Eynesbury Rovers FC (Grass) PE10 2SF

Time – 10.00am till 3.00pm

Goal Keeping Camp for 7-14 year olds. Places very limited....

Costs **£18 per person.**

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS  
 Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

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